



So You Know!



Sunday, September 3, 2017 Community Covenant Church
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THIS WEEK

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| Today | <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| | Worship Celebration | 10:00 am |
| | Fellowship Time | 11:15 pm |
| Monday | Labor Day, Office Closed | |
| | AA | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Al-Anon | 7:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Leadership Team Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | EB HOPE drop-in center | 5:00 pm |
| Next Sunday | - Rally Day - Note time changes | |
| | <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| | Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| | Worship Celebration | 11:00 am |
| | Congregational Meeting | 12:15 pm |
| | All Church Picnic | 12:30 pm |

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX...

- ⇒ The Covenant Home Altar -
Daily Devotions - July, August, September
- ⇒ 2017 Mission & Ministry Partnerships -
East Coast Conference Annual Report
"CATCH & RELEASE"
- ⇒ Women Ministries Newsletter
- ⇒ SEPTEMBER Cornerstone 
- ⇒ The East Coast Covenanter Summer 2017
- ⇒ Women Ministries Fall Retreat Pilgrim
Pines - The cost has been reduced...pick
up an Informational Flyer and registration
form from the table in the Narthex

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th!!

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

Come one and all...you're never too old for Sunday School!

Registration for children will begin at 9:15am. When children arrive, we ask that they come to the registration table just inside the entrance. We will need parents/guardians to accompany children as we will have forms that need to be completed. Once their forms are filled out, one of our Jr./Sr. kids will bring them to their classes. All classes, ages two through adult, begin at 9:45am. Please see Betti Buzzee if you'd like nursery care during the Sunday School hour.

We're excited to be trying two new things this year in our Sunday School. Each Sunday, grades 1-8 will meet as a group for a Bible lesson. After the lesson, the children will split into two groups for age-appropriate discussions/activities about the lesson. In addition, Servant's Heart activities will be moved into the Sunday School curriculum. While many Servant's Heart activities can be completed in Sunday School, we will be scheduling occasional field trips (ex. shopping for and delivery to the food pantry).

Please pray for our Sunday School teachers as we begin a new year!

PreK (2yrs+) and K Barbara Stickney, Becca LaValle, Andrea McCarthy, Ellen Capozzi, Janet Ek

Grades 1-8 Betti Buzzee, Amanda Medeiros, Joe and Melissa MacDonald

High School Nancy Ohlen

Adult Class Pastor Olson - 1 Samuel 12-31

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, September 10th, 10:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Presentation of Bibles to Confirmation Students
- Consecration of Christian Educators
- Choir singing
- “Covenant Community Bible Experience”
- Pastor Olson Preaching:
 “The Necessity of the Word of God”
 2 Kings 22:1-3,8,10-13; 23:1-7,21-23

Childcare During Worship

Next Sunday, September 10th Lexi Vincent-Gray will be in the Nursery and Amy Leanes will be in the Toddler room.

Transition Room

Next Sunday, September 10th, Melissa and Joe MacDonald will be the leaders in the Transition room.

Children’s Church

Children’s Church is for children (Kindergarten - grade 3) during the second half of our worship celebration. Next Sunday, September 10th, the leader will be Kim Buschenfeldt.

Congregational Meeting

Please join us for a brief Congregational Meeting **next Sunday**, September 10th @ 12:15 pm to vote on the Pastoral Search Committee members.

Congregational Vitality

While the Leadership Team is fully in support of pursuing the Congregational Vitality Pathway offered by the ECC, we recognize that we are not ready to begin at this time and have decided to wait. We pray for wisdom in waiting for God’s timing at Community Covenant Church as to our mission here in East Bridgewater.

SO MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED...

Go to www.communitycovenant.com and click the “Members” tab. Enter your password and stay informed.

**If you are a member and still need the password for the secured webpage, please contact the church office.

◇ Leadership Team minutes - **July 18**



◇ **July** Financial Report

◇ 2016 Annual Report

Printed copies are available in the church office for reading if you wish to do so.

Please ask any Leadership Team member where the LT Minutes binder is located.

CARD SHOWER

Please send a card to our friend:

Marilyn Gray
c/o Christina Giddings
468 Firetown Road
Simsbury, CT 06070

**Bible Study for Mommies
Begins September 20th!
Wednesday Mornings, 9:30-11am**

We will be studying the *Book of James* and how it relates to the way we raise our children.

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

Briefly looking at our financials through **August 27, 2017**

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| Weekly Budgeted Giving | \$4,190 | YTD Budgeted Giving | \$146,650 |
| 08/20/2017 Actual Giving | \$2,384 | YTD Actual Giving | \$121,906 |
| 08/27/2017 Actual Giving | \$3,747 | YTD Difference | (\$24,744) |

This Saturday September 9 - Fall work clean-up! 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

CALLING ALL ABLE-BODIED MEN AND WOMEN!

On Saturday morning, September 9th, we will be holding a Fall Church Clean-Up! And yes, **there will be donuts!!** We are going to start somewhere around 8 in the morning...and if we have enough hands on deck we should be done by noon – plenty of time to spend the rest of the day hobnobbing with families and friends. **WE NEED EVERYONE! NO SPECIAL TALENTS NEEDED!** We will be inside cleaning the classrooms and the Sanctuary...the kitchen and the bathrooms...and outside, we will need some lawn mowing, some weeding, a little window cleaning...no worries – we will keep you busy!! **REMEMBER THIS IS GOD’S CHURCH...AND WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF ALL HE HAS BLESSED US WITH!**

Next Sunday, September 10 - IT’S RALLY DAY

LET’S CELEBRATE WITH HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS!

After a very brief Congregational Meeting...we shall gather outdoors (weather permitting) for an old-fashioned CCC picnic! Stay and greet friends who have been away this summer...welcome new friends to CCC...and enjoy being with each other as we begin another full church-calendar year! We are looking for a couple of grills and grill masters...we will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, but we will also need some salads and other picnic classics...and lots of brownies. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex starting next week.

See any member of the Leadership team if you have any questions! See you there!!

AN INVITATION TO EVERY ADULT...

Every adult is personally invited to join in the adventure of connecting the story of God to your personal story. How do we do that? By reading God’s Word together and listening to the Holy Spirit speak. Yes, God is speaking. He is speaking every week in and through the Adult Sunday School class. Come and join us as we learn and together “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

September 10 – December 10, 2017

“1 Samuel 12-31 - themes on being God’s people”

An Encounter with a Book in the Bible

Facilitator: Pastor Don Olson

Why do the books of Samuel pack such broad appeal? As a single narrative, they offer something for everyone: kings and prophets, great battles and greater heroes, action and romance, loyalty and betrayal, the mundane and the miraculous. We meet Saul, David, Goliath, Jonathan, Bathsheba, and the witch of Endor, and many other unforgettable characters.

Even though the setting and culture are different, the basic issues of humans in relation to God have not changed. Sin, repentance, forgiveness, adversity, prayer, faith, and the promises of God – these continue to play out in our lives today. Come and find yourself in God’s Word.

During the Spring 2017 session, we studied the first 11 chapters of 1 Samuel. If you could not join us at that time...come along now. I guarantee you will not be lost. The story is just getting juicy. Come and find yourself in the Word of God.

Pastor Don Olson



FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS

To make a request, please call the church office at 508-583-3360 or e-mail to office@communitycovenant.com; or call Candi Keith at 508-583-1227 or e-mail



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Crystal Coffey - home - rehabbing from hip replacement surgery
- Barb & Steve Swanson - Malmo, Sweden (missionaries) - praise God they received their “person numbers” from the government of Sweden
- Evelyn Fleming - home
- Ruth Carrigan - home - rehabbing from successful shoulder surgery on Wednesday, August 2
- Edward Julian (Barbara Stickney’s father) - home - congestive heart failure
- Minnehaha Academy (a Covenant High School), Minneapolis, MN - gas explosion on August 2 destroyed large section of building, two staff members died, several injured
- Barb & Steve Swanson - Sweden - waiting to receive their “person numbers” from the Swedish gov’t
- Olivia Cheney (Janet & Dana Cheney’s granddaughter) - home
- Theresa Guaraldi – home - health issues
- Phil Gueli – home - recovering from spinal cord fusion
- Mitchell (friend of Pinho family) - paralyzed from the waist down due to recent automobile accident
- Jeanne Bell - home - rehabbing from back surgery on Monday, May 15
- Lorraine Lewis - home - rehabbing from left hip replacement surgery
- Scott Bennett - retired from his career in the U.S. Coast Guard on Friday, May 19; looking for a civilian job to continue to support the United States
- Kristen Sietens - home - recovering from surgery on Monday, April 3
- David Buzzee - Algeria - working for Raytheon
- Leslie Baker - home - recovering from a herniated disc
- Church Plant: Brockton Covenant Church – Pastor Dave Capozzi
- Nicole Aguire - undergoing tests for physical health need
- Sandy Brown’s daughter-in-law—receiving treatment for breast cancer
- Janet Cheney – praising God for positive treatment results for breast cancer
- Amy Titus (Ruth Pinho’s friend) – diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease
- Katie Sandford – health issues
- Joe (Carl West’s son) - dealing with personal struggles
- Shawn (Carl West’s 15-year-old grandson) – dealing with several issues
- Our Global Mission - Cathy Campobello, Colombia
- Our Ministry in the East Coast Conference - Church Plant: Center Church, Richmond, VA
- Our Ministry at Community Covenant Church - Financial Officer Gail Lewis
- Grace Duggan - home
- Barbara Cote - home - pulmonary issues
- Dorothy & David Thompson - home
- Pat Gillis – Hannah B. Shaw Home, Middleboro
- Carolyn Luther – home - pulmonary issues
- Myrtle Tighe – Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehabilitation, Boston

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)